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Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff  
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department  
20 Bradston Street  
Boston, MA 02118

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Re: Facility Inspection – Suffolk County House of Correction, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 1999 Food Code; 105 CMR 520.000 Labeling; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; I conducted an inspection of the Suffolk County House of Correction on March 26, 27, and 28, 2018 accompanied by John Fallon, Environmental Health and Safety/Fire Safety Officer and Captain Brian Reynolds, Support Service Supervisor. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 576 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

**BUILDING # 1**

**11<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Staff Bathroom # 1142  
105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty  
**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

Classroom # 1145

No Violations Noted

Classroom # 1156

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink Room # 1158

No Violations Noted

Meeting Room

No Violations Noted

## ***Program Area***

### *Classroom # 1 1151*

No Violations Noted

### *Classroom # 2 1153*

No Violations Noted

### *Caseworker's Office # 1143*

No Violations Noted

## **Unit 1-11-1**

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

**Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space**

### *Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

**Vents cleaned – April 23, 2018**

### *Showers*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2

**Walls cleaned – March 26, 2018**

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower 1, 2, and 3

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

### *Supply Closet*

No Violations Noted

### *Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect - No Longer Used

### *Kitchenette*

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 85°F at handwash sink

**Temperature adjusted – April 23, 2108**

### *Laundry Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Dryer duct damaged

**Duct repaired – April 23, 2018**

### *Cells*

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 2

**Mattress removed – March 27, 2018**

## **Unit 1-11-2**

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

**Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space**

### *Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

### *Showers*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3

**Walls cleaned – March 26, 2018**

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2

**Walls cleaned – March 26, 2018**

### *Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect - No Longer Used

### *Laundry Area*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

*10<sup>th</sup> Floor Visiting Room*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 1053*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 1054*

No Violations Noted

*Room # 1059*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # 1074*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink Room # 1050*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 1-10-1**

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

**Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space**

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

*Shower*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 9, 10, 12, and 13

**Projected repairs to be completed no later than – July 15, 2018**

**Unit 1-10-2**

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

**Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space**

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**



### *Showers*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2  
**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 3  
**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

### *Kitchenette*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, drain clogged at handwash sink  
**Drain unclogged – April 23, 2018**

### *Laundry Area*

No Violations Noted

### *Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 10  
**Painted – May 2, 2018**  
105 CMR 451.140\* Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, wall vent blocked in cell # 2  
**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**  
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 8  
**Floor painted – May 2, 2018**  
105 CMR 451.140 Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, wall vent blocked in cell # 3 and 10  
**Vents cleaned – April 23, 2018**

### **Unit 1-10-3**

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells  
**Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space**

### *Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6  
**Projected repairs to be completed no later than – July 15, 2018**

### *Shower*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty  
**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls  
**Walls cleaned – March 26, 2018**

### *Caseworker's Office*

No Violations Noted

### **Unit 1-10-4 Women's Infirmary Area**

### *Supply Closet*

No Violations Noted

### *Exam Room*

No Violations Noted

### *Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty  
**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Floor**

### *Staff Bathroom # 944*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty  
**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

### *Slop Sink # 956*

No Violations Noted

*Recreation Deck # 940*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged

**Projected repairs to be completed no later than – September 1, 2018**

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

**Projected repairs to be completed no later than – September 1, 2018**

*Programs/Education Offices*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 1-9-1**

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

**Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space**

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

**Vents cleaned – April 23, 2018**

*Laundry Area*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Area*

No Violations Noted

*Closet*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

**Mop removed – March 26, 2018**

*Kitchenette*

105 CMR 451.130\*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet leaking at handwash sink

**Faucet repaired – April 23, 2018**

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.140\*

Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, wall vent blocked in cell # 9

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 2

**Wall painted – May 11, 2018**

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # 16

**Mattress removed – April 23, 2018**

**Unit 1-9-2**

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

**Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space**

*Common Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

**Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018**

*Laundry Area*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Area*

No Violations Noted

*Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16

**Projected repairs to be completed no later than – July 15, 2018**

105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 12 <b>Projected repairs to be completed no later than – July 15, 2018</b>
105 CMR 451.140	Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, wall vent blocked in cell # 2 <b>Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018</b>
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Bed paint damaged in cell # 10 <b>Bed repaired – May 15, 2018</b>
<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Floor</u></b>	
<i>8<sup>th</sup> Floor Program Area</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink # 848</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreation Deck</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged <b>Projected repairs to be completed no later than – September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Unit 1-8-1</b>	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells <b>Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space</b>
<i>Common Area</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	
105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet leaking at handwash sink <b>Repaired – April 23, 2018</b>
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty <b>Vent cleaned – April 24, 2018</b>
<i>Laundry Area</i>	
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Dryer duct damaged <b>Duct replaced – April 23, 2018</b>
<i>Utility Closet</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Showers</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 2 and 6 <b>Projected repairs to be completed no later than – July 15, 2018</b>
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 1, 3, 4, 7, 13, and 15 <b>Projected repairs to be completed no later than – July 15, 2018</b>
<b>Unit 1-8-2</b>	
105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells <b>Cell design does not allow the facility to provide adequate floor space</b>
<i>Common Area</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty <b>Vent cleaned – April 23, 2018</b>
<i>Laundry Area</i>	
	No Violations Noted